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SUBJ: COMMENT ON TUCSA'S FAILURE TO ISSUE MORE THAN PERFUNCTORY
PROTEST AGAINST BANNING OF FOUR DURBAN TRADE UNIONISTS.

REF: JOHANNESBURG 733, AUGUST 20, 1973; JOHANNESBURG 1142 DECEMBER
15, 1973 (REPEAT OF DURBAN 438, DECEMBER 12, 1973)

1. TUC A'S FAILURE TO DATE TO COME PROMPTLY, LOUDLY, INDIGNANTLY
AND FORTHRIGHTLY TO
DEFENSE OF FOUR TRADE UNIONISTS BANNED IN
DURBAN FEBRUARY 1 IS ACCURATE REFLECTION OF EXTREME DISSATISFACTION
WITH WHICH TOP JOHANNESBURG-BASED LEADERS OF RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAVE FOR MONTHS VIEAED AGGRESSIVE, FULL-SPEED-
AHEAD MANNER IN WHICH HARRIET BOLTON & CO. HAVE CHOSEN TO TRY TO
IMPLEMENT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TUCSA DECISION OF LAST AUGUST TO
ORGANIZE "PARALLEL" BLACK TRADE UNIONS (JOHANNESBURG 1142).

2. WHILE IN CONTEXT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENT HIGHLY CHARGED
POLITICAL CLIMATE IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND TUCSA FRONT
OFFICE RELUCTANCE TO ENDORSE IMPETUOUS COURSE WHICH DURBAN MAVERICKS
HAVE CHOSEN TO FOLLOW DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, IT IS NEVERTHE-
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LESS DIFFICULT TO AGREE OR SYMPATHIZE WITH IT IN VIEW OF FACT
THAT ONE OF TUCSA'S PRINCIPAL LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS IN BOTH DOMESTIC
AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CIRCLES HAS BEEN LOW CREDIBILITY.

3. IN CIRCUMSTANCES ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT TUCSA LEADERS
WOULD HAVE SEIZED UPON DURBAN BANNINGS AS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO
DEMONSTRATE TRADE UNION SOLIDARITY (REGARDLESS OF CONTINUING
SERIOUS INTERNAL DIFFERENCES) IN FACE OF PREDICTABLE ARBITRARY
AND HEAVY-HANDED SAG ACT OF REPRESSION.

4. THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN INSTEAD TO "SULK IN THEIR TENTS" MUST
COME AS SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT TO ALL WHO SAW SAG DECISION TO
RESORT TO BANNINGS AS EVIDENCE THAT TUCSA, HERETOFORE SUSPECT ON
GROUNDS OF CREDIBILITY, REALLY MEANT WHAT IT SAID LAST AUGUST
ABOUT NOT FEARING CONFRONTATION WITH SAG ON ISSUE OF TRADE UNIONS
FOR BLACKS.
DEGRACE

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